

REGULATIONS IN STREET WORK

LATERAL CONNECTIONS TO VACANT PROPERTY

Where Half the Owners Are Agreeable Water Will Be Laid.

Universal satisfaction prevails throughout the city at the announcement that hereafter in all improvement work on streets which are being graded and macadamized for the first time all lateral connections will be made.

The water commissioner's department will heartily co-operate with the engineers' department for the successful working of the new system and it is believed that the gas company will also be disposed to lend every assistance to the civic authorities in the effort to obviate any further necessity for the tearing up of the streets more than once in order to make lateral connections.

The water commissioner has been advised by the city barrister that in cases where there is vacant property on streets which are about to be improved, it will be necessary to get a requisition from at least 50 per cent of the owners of such property before the work of putting in the lateral connections for water service can be undertaken.

It is not felt that many cases will arise where there will be much opposition to the work of the city in this regard. The citizens have long felt that such a system should be inaugurated and now that it has been done the general disposition is to assist the furtherance of the work.

James Bryson, the new assistant engineer, has not yet arrived from his native, but Mr. Topp expects him every day and as soon as he gets in harness a plan will be outlined for the better supervision of all street work.

At present Mr. Topp finds himself seriously handicapped. There are so many improvements in progress that it is impossible to give them the personal attention which is desirable if the best results are to be obtained.

Mr. Topp's department is now well equipped with the proper care of the streets. With the new rock crusher and road roller there is sufficient plant to allow of new work and maintenance being divided into two separate departments and the city engineer is of the opinion that there will be fewer complaints about the conditions of the streets in the future.

ANTARCTIC EXPLORATION.

Lord Mayor of London Will Open Fund to Assist Capt. Scott.

London, Sept. 30.—The Lord Mayor of London has announced his intention of opening a Mansion House fund to assist Capt. Robert Scott to raise money for his expedition to plant the Union Jack at the South Pole.

SENDS BULLET INTO HEAD.

Grand Rapids, Mich., Sept. 30.—Dr. A. M. Webster, secretary of the New Era Insurance Association, committed suicide by shooting himself through the head to-day. Before ending his life Webster locked himself in a room at his home here, where he was found lifeless shortly afterward by members of the family. No reason is given to account for the man's act of self-destruction.

ORVILLE WRIGHT FLIES HIGH IN AIR

Establishes World's Record When He Ascends 693 Feet.

(Times Leased Wire.) Berlin, Sept. 30.—Orville Wright, the American aviator, established a new world's record for height to-day when he ascended 693 feet at Potsdam in the Wright machine. The flight of the Dayton aviator was witnessed by the Empress, Prince Oscar and several princesses.

CHARGED WITH MANSLAUGHTER

ENGINEER AT EMPRESS POWERHOUSE ARRESTED

Will Be Tried for Having Contributed to Death of Late James Forfar.

At the instance of Chief Langley of the local police force, a warrant was issued this morning for the arrest of Joseph B. Venty, chief engineer at the power house of the Empress hotel, on a charge of manslaughter.

The distressing circumstances which rendered such action on Chief Langley's part imperative are still fresh in the minds of readers of the Times. On September 7th last, Alexander Forfar, employed by the Robertson Iron Works, was fatally scalded while at work repairing one of the boilers at the power house, and at the corner's request on September 15th, the jury brought in a verdict of accidental death, with a rider to the effect that the fatality resulted because of contributory negligence on the part of two engineers employed by the O.P.R.—Joseph B. Venty and Thomas Grey.

Universal sympathy is extended to all parties in any way connected with the circumstances surrounding the distressing fatality, which cut short the life of young Forfar, and while it is an unpleasant duty to charge Mr. Venty with so serious a crime, Chief Langley had no other course to follow in the pursuance of his duty to further the interests of justice, and in view of the verdict of the coroner's jury. The engineers at the Empress are said to have suffered keenly in mind since the sad accident, which they deeply deplore, and they will be glad, at a further inquiry, to have themselves exonerated, as far as may be possible, for having "erroneously" or "in a criminally" careless fashion contributed to the death of Forfar.

It will be recalled that Forfar was one of a gang of men sent to the Empress on the day of the accident to do some repair work to the boilers, which there are three in a row. Forfar alone was working the middle boiler, the others being employed in similar work in the boilers on either side. Suddenly Forfar was heard to shout, but as some riveting was going on some little time elapsed before the significance of his cries was understood by his fellow workmen. When rescued Forfar was found with his legs sticking out of the manhole, with the upper part of his body badly burned by steam which had suddenly entered the boiler in some mysterious fashion. The injured man was removed with all haste to St. Joseph's hospital, where he afterwards died.

Both the first and assistant engineers testified that they had an idea how the steam came to be turned into the boiler, as the impression was that the stop valves were closed. It was just possible, however, that the valves after being shut off when hot, had, after cooling, eased off a little.

STRIKE TROUBLES.

Three Men Struck by Bullets at Glace Bay.

Glace Bay, C. B., Sept. 30.—Three men were struck by bullets yesterday fired from revolvers in the hands of some company's police. None of the men are seriously hurt, two of them being struck in the leg and the other man having a portion of one ear shot off. The riot started over some men who were stealing coal from one of the little piles which have been opened by the strikers since the labor troubles.

PROFITS AT COBALT.

Montreal, Sept. 30.—Last July A. J. J. of North Bay, and J. O'Brien, of Renfrew, the railway contractors, purchased seventeen acres of mining property in Cobalt from the Ontario government for \$10,500. Since its acquisition they have expended \$2,480 upon it. Yesterday they sold it to a Montreal syndicate for \$400,000.

RULERS INVITED TO PORTOLA CELEBRATION

San Francisco Committee Busy Preparing for the Festivities.

(Times Leased Wire.) San Francisco, Cal., Sept. 30.—Invitations to attend the Portola celebration to be held in San Francisco in October are being sent out by the committee to every king, prince and potentate in the world. Nearly 100,000 invitations are being issued, and every point on the globe will be reached by the missives.

Included in the list of invited guests are all the United States army and naval officers, all foreign diplomats, all foreign consuls in America; the governors of the states, mayors of all cities; celebrated personages, scientists, inventors, authors, painters, actors and financiers of note in this country and in Europe.

DIES FROM INJURIES.

Woodstock, Ont., Sept. 30.—Irwel McNeill, the young bank clerk who accidentally shot himself last Thursday, died of his injuries yesterday.



THE OPENING OF THE SHOOTING SEASON.

CIVIC CIVIL SERVICE SOON

BY-LAW TO COME ON MONDAY EVENING

Proposed That All Officials of City Shall Be Graded in Systematic Fashion.

On Monday evening next at the regular meeting of the city council there will be reintroduced the by-law first proposed by Ald. Bishop in April last providing for the placing of all the permanent employees of the city, acting in official capacities, under a civil service system. The draft of the by-law has, since the date mentioned, been gone over carefully by the legislative committee of the council, and it is believed that it is now in such shape as to commend itself to the majority of the board, and that it will in due course become law.

IRISH LAND BILL WILL BE AMENDED

PASSES SECOND READING IN HOUSE OF LORDS

Nationalists Wish Provision for Compulsory Purchase of Land Retained.

(Times Leased Wire.) London, Sept. 30.—The Irish land bill passed the second reading in the House of Lords late last night. It is said, however, that some radical changes will be made in the bill when it reaches the committee.

BANK LOOTED BY TWO BANDITS

Secure Ten Thousand Dollars and Flee to the Mountains.

(Times Leased Wire.) Glenwood Springs, Colo., Sept. 30.—Hard pressed by a posse, the two bandits who held up and robbed the Citizens' National Bank in broad daylight yesterday and secured \$10,000, are making their way into the mountains as fast as their horses will carry them.

REVOLUTION IS SPREADING IN PARAGUAY

Financiers Reported to Be Backing the Rebel Army.

(Times Leased Wire.) Buenos Ayres, Sept. 30.—The revolution has spread to every section of Paraguay and has assumed such serious proportions that it is doubtful whether the government will survive.

GERMAN SURTAX

Montreal Board of Trade Will Not Take Action Looking to Removal.

Montreal, Sept. 30.—The Montreal Board of Trade has decided not to lend a willing ear to the entreaties looking toward the removal of the German surtax.

PREMIER OF QUEBEC IS TO COME WEST

Sir Lomer Gouin Will Make Tour to Pacific Coast.

Premier Gouin, of Quebec, is planning a trip to the west. He has never been to the Pacific coast yet but has announced his intention of making the trip, the whole time to occupy a month. If he can arrange business to allow of the trip, Sir Lomer Gouin will be here shortly.

TWO COMMITTED FOR TRIAL

Peterborough, Ont., Sept. 30.—Fred and Harry Jopping yesterday were committed for trial on the charge of causing the death of Arthur Ballard, a young Toronto student.

CHAMPION TYPEWRITER

Miss Rose L. Fritz, Holder of Title, Establishes New Record.

New York, Sept. 30.—Miss Rose L. Fritz is to-day champion typewriter of the world, having set the new record last night at Madison Square Garden when she wrote accurately 95 words a minute for 15 minutes in the preliminary events of the international championship. Miss Fritz is the present champion, but H. C. Blaisdel, with 92 words a minute and F. H. Coombs, with 87 and one-fifth, beat her former record of 87.

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"It is another case of 54.40 or flight," said Arctic Chief Keller. "The grand camp has no authority to initiate Taft, and if it does so, in violation of the constitution and over our protest, it will cause serious trouble. Taft will not be recognized as an A. B. under those circumstances."

The situation is aggravated by the fact that last March Skagway camp offered to make President Taft an honorary member. He refused at that time, saying he preferred to join the Lyceum.

PRESIDENT TAFT AT EXPOSITION

INCLUDES CANADIAN BUILDING IN TOUR

Biggest Crowd on Record Turns Out to Honor Visitor.

(By R. H. Hazard, Staff Correspondent of the United Press with President Taft.) Seattle, Wash., Sept. 30.—President Taft is boosting the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific exposition to-day. During the last week he has been in the hands of real estate boomers, apple land sellers and state fair managers, and has helped all these gentlemen materially. The biggest crowd on record at the exposition grounds showed that the promoters of the great Pacific coast show knew what they were doing when they secured his consent to attend.

The president was up early correcting the manuscript of the speech he delivered later out at the exposition grounds. Last night he dropped into his bed at about 10 o'clock, thoroughly tired out.

To-day's presidential programme began at 9.15, when Mr. Taft left the Washington hotel for the exposition, where he witnessed a review of all nations, made an inspection of exhibits in the government, Philippine, Alaskan, Japanese, Hawaiian and Canadian buildings, took luncheon in the New

H.M.S. NEPTUNE IS LAUNCHED

ANOTHER DREADNOUGHT ADDED TO NAVY

Great Secrecy Has Been Maintained Regarding New Vessel.

(Times Leased Wire.) Portsmouth, England, Sept. 30.—Great Britain's eleventh Dreadnought, the Neptune, was launched from the government dockyard here to-day by King Edward's sister, the Duchess of Albany, and in the presence of a huge gathering of distinguished government officers, politicians and society men and women.

The greatest secrecy has been maintained concerning the details of the Neptune's construction, and it is practically impossible for an outsider to gather any information of this character. All that is known is that the ship will be armed with 12-inch guns, mounted in pairs as in the case of previous Dreadnoughts, but of considerably more powerful pattern. The vessel's secondary armament will consist of about twenty-five 4-inch guns, together with a particularly heavy torpedo battery. Its displacement is 20,550 tons and it is expected that it will be capable of a speed of 23 knots an hour.

The Neptune will have a broadside line of ten 12-inch weapons, throwing nearly 3,000 pounds of metal, with eight



PRESIDENT TAFT.

YUKON STATE BUILDING

round the grounds and delivered a speech in the amphitheatre.

In his speech, President Taft spoke in glowing terms of the wonderful resources and the development of Alaska, and gave his unqualified endorsement of a ship subsidy for the purpose of restoring American merchant marine to its rightful place. The president said he would be glad to extend every aid to the shipping industry of the Pacific coast and declared that he would urge congress, in his next message, to pass a ship subsidy measure.

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